

## Runyon Dismisses Charges Against Utilities Board

**Holds They Were Honest in  
Jersey Traction Troubles;  
Believes Part Should Be  
Dropped as Incompetent**

TRENTON, Dec. 31.—Governor Runyon dismissed to-day the charge of willful neglect of duty lodged against the State Board of Public Utility Commissioners by the City Commission of Montclair. He absolved the five board members of any intention to favor the Public Service Railway Company in approving the zone fare system, which has since been abandoned in favor of the straight seven-cent rate.

For this reason the retiring Governor said he could not follow the suggestion of Montclair and remove the commissioners under the power vested in the Executive by the public utilities act. He declared, however, that honest though all the commissioners were, some were unfit; that the board as a whole had consequently forfeited public confidence, and that his first act as a state Senator in the coming legislative session would be to introduce a bill abolishing the commission and substituting another, comprising three members.

**Charged Public Was Ignored**  
Montclair's charges were that the board had failed to consider public interest in approving the zone system, that it neglected to ascertain the views of the municipalities involved, and that it hastened action without first having a complete appraisal of the Public Service Railway Company's assets and liabilities. These charges were directed against John W. Slocum, president of the Board of Public Utility Commissioners, and his associates, Alfred S. March, George F. Wright, Andrew Gaul and Harry L. Knight.

Governor Runyon, in making public his decision today, said he had found that whatever errors of judgment were involved the board had acted honestly in an effort to meet an emergency, and approved the zone system in accordance with the advice of recognized experts. No evidence to the contrary was adduced.

"But," he added, "it is clear to me that the Board of Public Utility Commissioners has long since lost the confidence of the public, and that public confidence once having departed, the board's usefulness is also gone. In the present case, and with the importance and far-reaching effects of this board's decisions, suspicion and mistrust loom large and become epidemic. This is peculiarly unfortunate in this day of ever-rising prices."

**Some "Out of Place"**  
"For some members of the board I have great respect. I believe thoroughly in their honesty and know them to be possessed of large ability. But, unfortunately, certain members of the board have proved themselves out of place. I will grant that they are honest and sincere, but their unfitness is so marked that every member of the board, able and incompetent alike, has been made to suffer. And with the present membership of the board maintained without a break, conditions will not improve. I am, therefore, free to say that if the absolute power of removal were mine I should exercise that power at least to the extent of removing from such board those whom I considered unfit, replacing them with men whose honesty would be coupled with notable ability, to the end that the public should know that their interests were in fair and competent hands."

**Criminals to See Hanging**

**Chicago Sheriff Selects 200 Witnesses for Moral Effect**

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Two hundred prisoners, hardened criminals, held in the Cook County jail, will start the new year on Friday by watching the hanging of one of their number, Raffaele Durrage, for the double murder of a man and his wife.

Sheriff Charles Peters arranged today for the "pick" of the jail's six hundred prisoners to attend the execution. "I think it will have a good moral effect on the prisoners," he said. "When they are released from jail they will have something to remember."

## Doctor Flies to Ice Bound

**Airplane Carries Medical Aid  
to Sick Children on Island**

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 31.—An aviator from the Middletown, Pa., aviation reserve depot to-day took a doctor by airplane to give medical aid to the family of John Pfauhammer, a farmer on Duffy's Island, in the Susquehanna, cut off by ice from the shores.

Word reached the depot that three children in the family were ill with pneumonia, and when the machine, piloted by Lieutenant Ray Brown, reached the farm on the island, it was found an infant had died Monday and two others were seriously ill.

**Huge Shortage in  
Laborers Bared in  
Immigration Plea**

**U. S. Needs 4,000,000, as  
Million More Prepare to  
Go; Liberal Admittance  
Is Urged by Council**

The Inter-Racial Council, of which General T. Coleman du Pont is chairman, issued a statement yesterday calling attention to the increasingly serious industrial situation caused by emigration of foreign born laborers and steadily dwindling immigration to replenish the labor supply. America is short already 4,000,000 laborers, the council states, counting more than 1,000,000 who have emigrated since the armistice. A million more are preparing to leave.

In view of this it declares the whole country should be made aware of the necessity of adopting a liberal policy of selective immigration, which, while barring undesirables, will yet allow a free inflow of workers.

Taking as its text the recent estimate of the immigration authorities that only 300,000 immigrants may be expected to arrive in the United States in 1920, the council's statement proceeded:

"With the tremendous outflow of the foreign born and with immigration dropping far below normal, the demand for common labor in the manufacturing of the country is twice as great as before the war. Industry faces this shortage, and a continuance of the shortage, at a time when the markets of the world are clamoring for necessities and when the demand for production from our own people never was so great."

"We need immigration on a selective basis in order to protect American institutions from radical attacks, but any immigration policy which is designed to keep back the new labor which industry is so greatly in need of is bound to have a disastrous effect. As a result of the stories of racial prejudice which the returning foreign born will take back with them to their home lands and as a result of the independence that has been granted to countries of Europe, America will offer fewer attractions to many thousands of people. There is also the fact that 20,000,000 persons, women largely, are drawing aid from their governments in the form of pensions and there will be less incentive for them to seek their fortunes in America. Many of the coming to this country, would find profitable employment in the households of America and the question of domestics would be less perplexing."

Besides General du Pont the executive committee of the council includes Philip T. Dodge, Mrs. David Rumsey, Dr. Antonio Stella, vice-presidents; Alexander J. Hemphill, treasurer; William Loch Jr., Herbert F. Perkins, Guy E. Tripp, William H. Barr, managing director, and Miss Frances A. Kellor, associate managing director. More than 400 of the leading industrial and financial organizations of the country are in the ranks of the council, either as members or underwriters.

**Santa Fe Sues Oil Companies  
For \$10,000,000 Over Contracts**

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 31.—Suit for nominal damages of \$10,000,000 has been filed in the Federal Court here against the Cities Service Company and Empire Refining Company, Delaware corporations, by the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company, of Texas, with Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, joined.

Specific items totalling nearly \$6,000,000 dollars are given in the papers filed. The matter in controversy is a five-year contract for the delivery of fuel oil in specified quantities and at stipulated times, beginning in 1915, and involves various subsidiary companies, among them the Producers' Refining Company and the Coline Oil Company.

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Bloomers (lace-trimmed) . . .	1.35
Petticoats . . .	1.85, 2.85, 3.75

#### CHILDREN'S UNDERGARMENTS

Nightrobes . . .	\$1.35, 1.75
Combinations (with knickerbocker drawer; 4 to 14 years) . . .	1.65
Knickerbocker Drawers (2 to 10 years) . . .	75c., 1.00

#### PRINCESS SLIPS

Size 6 years . . .	\$1.75	Sizes 8 to 14 years . . .	\$2.25
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